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From: Quast, Sylvia
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 4:29 PM
To: Skadowski, Suzanne; Strauss, Alexis
Cc: Kermish, Laurie
Subject: RE: Media Inquiry re Cargill Army Corps of Engineers (San Mateo Daily Journal)

Fine by me.

From: Skadowski, Suzanne
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 4:27 PM
To: Strauss, Alexis; Quast, Sylvia
Cc: Kermish, Laurie
Subject: FW: Media Inquiry re Cargill Army Corps of Engineers (San Mateo Daily Journal)

Alexis and Sylvia –

Could you please review this desk statement for Cargill asap? Need to get back to reporter before 5pm.
Thanks!

Protecting the San Francisco Bay shoreline is a high priority for the EPA. Approximately 90% of the Bay's historic tidal wetlands were lost over the 20th century, but there are significant public and private efforts ongoing to preserve and restore the baylands. The EPA, with our state and federal partners, implements federal Clean Water Act permit programs that minimize adverse impacts from pollution (including dredge and fill) to tidal areas, streams and wetlands. Cargill Corporation has asked the government whether their "Saltworks" property, an approximately 1,700-acre diked former salt-making facility on the Redwood City shoreline, is covered by these Clean Water Act programs. The EPA is presently coordinating with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on this important question, carefully considering both the complex history of the site's uses, and the need to protect the recreational, economic, and public health and safety values of San Francisco Bay.

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To: Skadowski, Suzanne; Brush, Jason; Campbell, Rich
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Looks great to me. Thanks for revising Jason. I was going to suggest the same change in focus away from Special Case and toward resource protection yet not highlighting difference between EPA and Corps.

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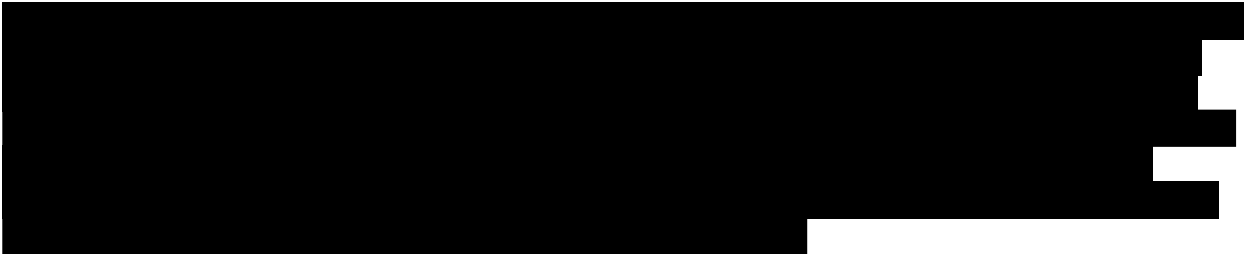
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From: Skadowski, Suzanne
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Approved statement from 2014 (slightly modified below for clarity) still seems relevant to current status.
Thoughts? Reporter's deadline is 5pm today.

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From: Skadowski, Suzanne
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 1:51 PM
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I'm working with Kate and Melissa now on a draft desk statement to circulate soon. Will probably need to run the statement by OW comms too.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Bill Silverfarb <Bill@smdailyjournal.com>
Date: February 17, 2015 at 1:21:17 PM PST
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Subject: cargill army corps of engineers

Good afternoon Kelly. I just spoke with David Lewis at Save the Bay and he said I should talk to you about the Army Corps of Engineers upcoming decision on the Cargill site and whether it falls under the protection of the Clean Water Act. Do you have time to discuss with me today.

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